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SUBJ: PROSECUTOR ANNOUNCES ARREST AND INVESTIGATION OF KIM DAE-JUNG AND TEN OTHERS FOR CONSPIRING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENT.

1. FOLLOWING IS ROUGH EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF RELEASE BY GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF PROSECUTOR FOR PUBLIC SECURITY, CHUNG CHI-KEUN, TO ASSEMBLED DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRESS CORPS AT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AT 5:40P.M. LOCAL TIME, MARCH 10

BEGIN QUOTE:

1. *SEOUL DISTRICT PROSECUTION OFFICE TODAY MARCH TEN STARTED* INVESTIGATION OF 20 PERSONS WHO ARE CONNECTED IN THE OVERTHROW AGITATION AGAINST THIS GOVERNMENT BY USING THE ADVANTAGE OF THE MARCH ONE COMMEMORATION PRAYER MEETING WHICH WAS HELD AT SEOUL MYOUNG DONG CATHEDRAL ON MARCH ONE.

2. THESE PERSONS, OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL OCCASIONS, GATHERED ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS, ORGANIZED ILLEGAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY OR GALILEAN CHURCH (REF TO LAKE OF GALILEE), AND THEY PLOTTED FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOUTING: "WITH-

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DRAWAL OF THE EMERGENCY MEASURE," AND "DEMAND THE RETIREMENT OF THE REGIME." THEY PROPOSED MEETING FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE NAME OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRAYER MEETINGS OR GROUP TRAINING OR ASSEMBLIES.

3. THESE PERSONS ALSO COMMITTED SLANDER AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS OF OVERTHROWING AND AGITATING THE OVERTHROW OF THIS GOVERNMENT BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS, USING OUTSIDE POWER, (POWER OUTSIDE THIS COUNTRY). BUT AT THIS MOMENT THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE, WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SECURITY, RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO THEIR ILLEGAL AGITATION. AS TIME PASSED THEY COULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED ANY SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY BECAME UPSET AND DECIDED THEIR PLOT SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED. THUS WITH THE SUPPORT OF YUN PO SUN, CHYOUNG YIL HYOUNG, HAN SUK HAN, ETC., KIM DAE JUNG, MOON IK HWAN, HAM SE WOON, AND OTHERS MASTERMINDED THE PLOT OF REBELLION OF THE NATION BY AGITATING THE PEOPLE IN THE SPRINGTIME.

4. BELIEVING MARCH AND APRIL, WHICH USED TO BE A TRADITIONAL TIME OF UNREST, TO BE THE BEST TIME TO HAVE AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT UPRISING, THESE PEOPLE SHOUTED DEMANDS FOR "DOWN WITH THIS REGIME" IN THE NAME OF RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY ON MARCH 1, 1976, WHICH WAS THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ONE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. THEY DREAMED THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD RESPOND TO THEM AND RISE UP (MAKE A MASSIVE UPRISING) THROUGHOUT THE NATION. THUS THEY MADE PUBLIC THE SO-CALLED DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL SALVATION DECLARATION AND PLOTTED TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT AND STEAL THE REGIME BY AGITATING THE PEOPLE WITH PEOPLE'S DEMONSTRATIONS, LEADING TO A PEOPLE'S UPRISING.

5. THESE PEOPLE, IN PREPARING FOR THE SO-CALLED DEMOCRATIC SAVE THE NATION DECLARATION, USED THE NAMES OF OTHERS WITHOUT PERMISSION IN ADVANCE OR WITHOUT ASKING THEIR INTENTIONS. THEY THEMSELVES DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO MOBILIZE THE AUDIENCE SO THEY MADE A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DECLARATION ALMOST AT THE END OF THE PRAYER MEETING. THEY MISUSED THE PRAYER MEETING.

6. THE PROSECUTION'S POLICY IS TO SEVERELY PUNISH SUCH ILLEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NAME OF RELIGIOUS

ACTIVITIES BECAUSE IT IS AN ACT OF DESTRUCTION TO CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER AND ALSO IS AN ACT AGITATING THE PEOPLE TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

7. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVESTIGATED ARE TWENTY. THE MASTERMINDS AMONG THEM, WHOSE QUALITIES OF CRIME ARE VERY BAD, ARE ELEVEN: KIM DAE JUNG, MOON IK HWAN, HAM SE WOON, MOH DONG HWAN, LEE MOON YOUNG, SUH NAM DONG, AN BYUNG MOO, SHIN HYUN BONG, LEE HAE DONG, YOON (X) WOON, AND MUN JUNG HYUN. THESE PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED AND ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. THE NINE OTHERS ARE YUN PO SUN, CHYOUNG YIL HYOUNG, HAN SUK HAN, LEE TAE YOUNG, LEE WOO JUNG, KIM SUNG HOON, CHANG DUK PIL, KIM PAIK AN, AN CHUNG SUK, WHO ARE BEING INVESTIGATED BUT ARE NOT UNDER ARREST. END QUOTE.

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